

# An Illustrated History of the V&T's Reno Yard



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# Location:

Downtown Reno; just South of the Truckee River:

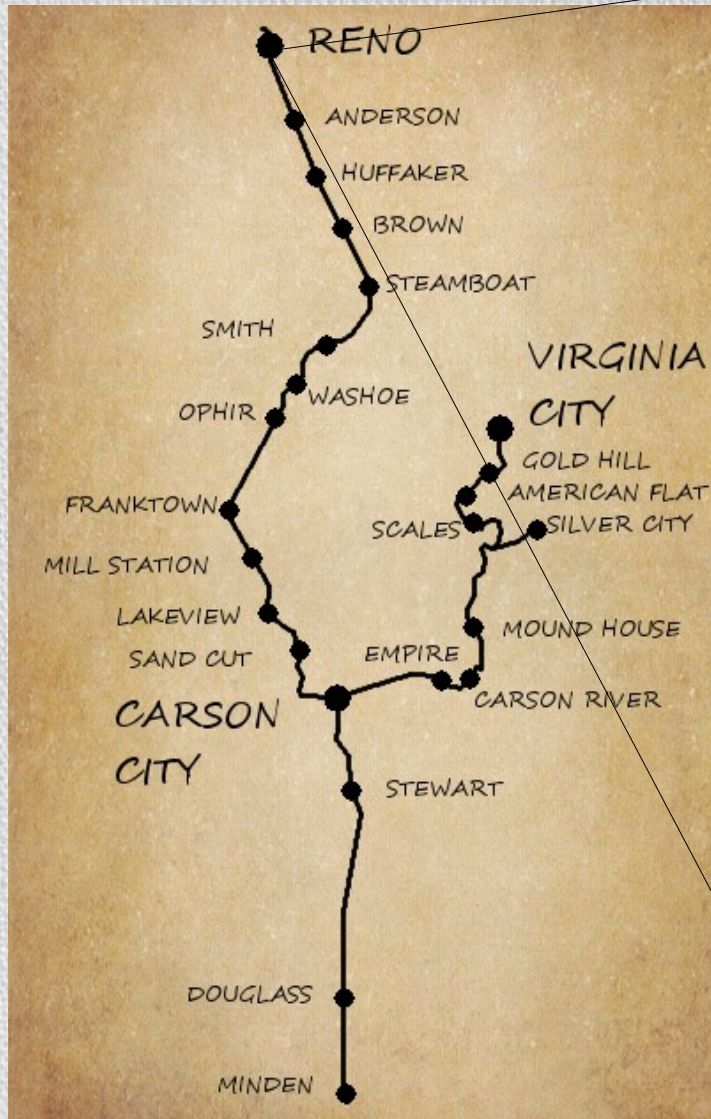


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# Reno Background

1850s: Pioneers begin to settle the Truckee Meadows

1859: Charles Fuller builds a bridge across the Truckee River

1861: Fuller sells the bridge to Myron Lake; who develops 'Lake's Crossing'

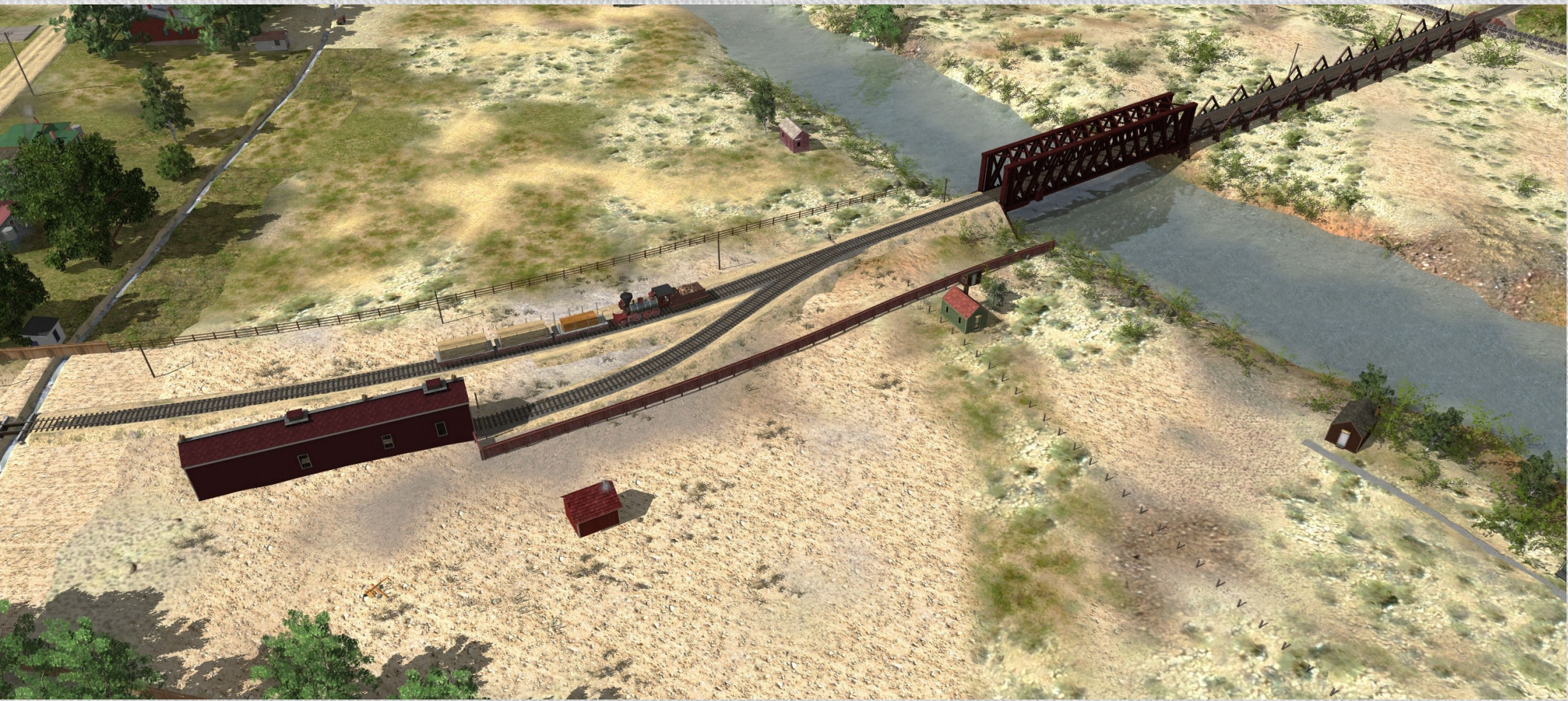
1868: Reno founded by the Central Pacific

1871: Reno becomes the Washoe County seat

1871: The V&T starts building from Reno



# 1871



- Construction started
- Bridge; engine house; blacksmith shop built



# 1872



- 50' diameter gallows A-frame turntable built
- Tracks completed to Carson



# 1873



- Water tank built
  - Also the pump house
- Wood siding built



# 1880



- Trestle is filled in
- Bridges get stone abutments



# 1890



- Engine house has bracing by now



# 1894



- 138' Steel bridge replaces the older Howe truss
- Buildings are likely caboose red with green roofs by now



# 1901



- Turntable reinforced for first No. 25



# 1904



- Bunkhouse, rear shed added by now
- Likely some time between 1890 and now



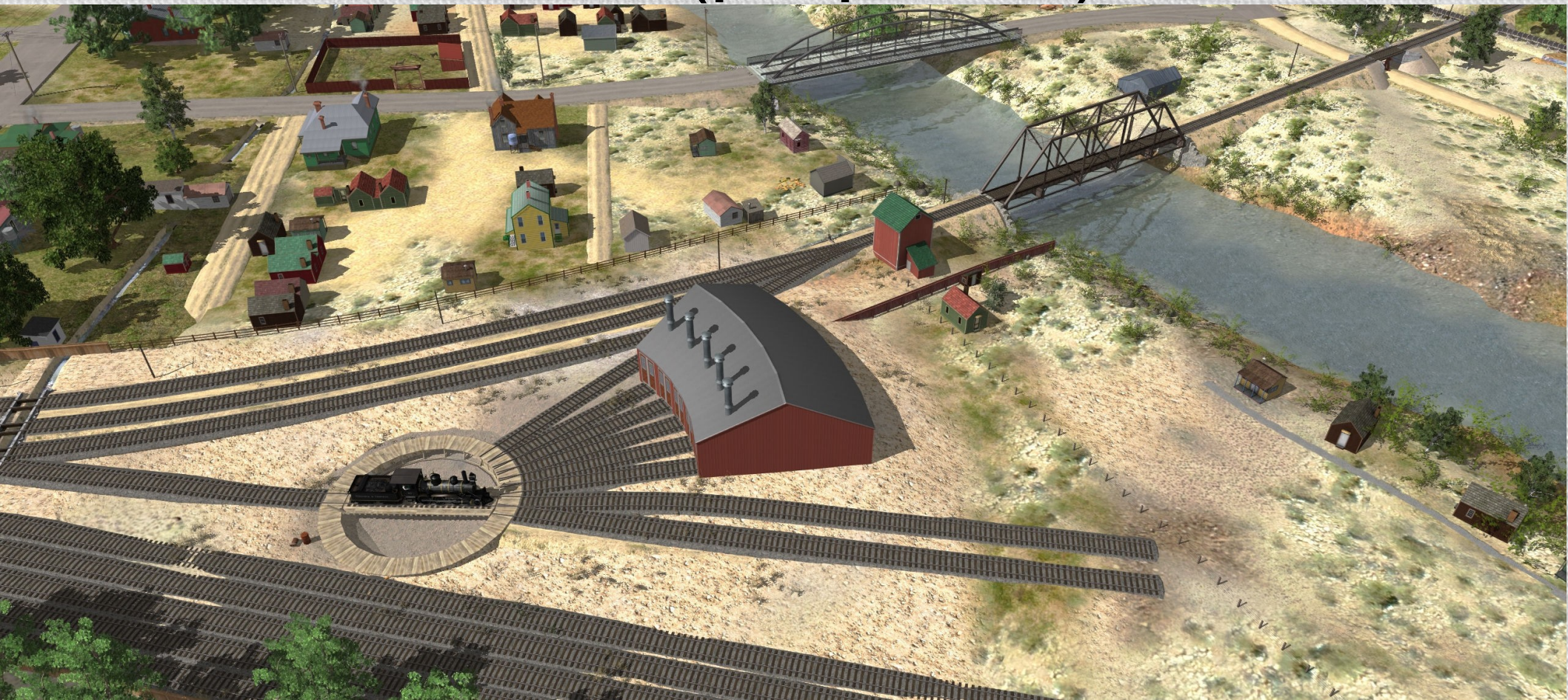
# 1905



- Engine house shortened
- Turntable replaced with 57' iron table
- Wood track siding is removed around now



# 1909 (proposed)



- New roundhouse; larger yards
- Likely this proposal was in support of a lawsuit against the city of Reno around the connection of 2<sup>nd</sup> and Scott Streets



# 1909 (actual)



- 2<sup>nd</sup> street crossing and bridge built
- Coach siding likely built by now
- Oil shed is now present on the east wall



# By 1916



- Coach siding shortened; 685' long
- 2<sup>nd</sup> smoke jack and roof walks gone
- Engine house appears to have larger eaves



# 1920



- Yard buildings painted; probably with red roofs now



# 1921



- Engine house roof is hipped
- - Also some trim added above the windows?
- Engine house and water tank are painted (again!)



# By 1928



- 2<sup>nd</sup> Street crossing gates are gone
- Bridge 1b is gone
- Blacksmith shop is gone (retired 1924)



# 1930



- Sunshine Laundry opens (land sold in 1929)



# 1937



- Wall trim on engine house is red by now



# By 1948



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- Construction Car No. 6 (2 ) is on the ground
- Taken out of service 1942
- Rear door on engine house



# 1950



- Engine house burns down
- Railroad is abandoned
- While being dismantled, the bridge washes away in Thanksgiving flood